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### Determination of NEPA Adequacy Special Recreation Permit to Arctic Orienteering Club

**Applicant: Arctic Orienteering Club**

**Case File No: AA-086244**

**DOI-BLM-AK-A010-2012-0011-DNA**



**Location:**

Seward Meridian, Alaska  
T. 12 N., R. 3 W.,  
sec. 2, 3, 10, 11

**Prepared By:**

Anchorage Field Office  
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Lease/Serial Case File No: **AA-086244**

Proposed Action Title/Type: Special Recreation Permit

Location/Legal Description:

Seward Meridian, Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska  
T. 12 N., R. 3 W., sec. 2, 3, 10, 11 (within).

Applicant (if any): Arctic Orienteering Club

**A. Description of the proposed action and any applicable mitigation measures:**

The BLM would authorize a Special Recreation Permit to the Arctic Orienteering Club (AOC).

The Proposed Action is to conduct events that educate the general public about the sport of orienteering and to hold recreational orienteering meets on Campbell Tract (CT). The Anchorage based AOC previously held three to five events on CT per year with between 30 to 100 participants at each event. Each event typically last no more than 2 hours. At each event AOC offers basic training to new participants, as well as more challenging courses for advanced participants. Club activities focus on introducing people to the sport by using a map and a compass to familiarize people with navigating themselves in a wilderness-like setting.

The majority of the participants are beginners and use courses that follow established trails, which minimize impact to CT, except for the area directly next to each checkpoint. Rarely do checkpoints get used two years in a row.

**B. Land Use Plan (LUP) conformance:**

CTF is within the planning boundary of BLM-Alaska's Ring of Fire Resource Management Plan. The Ring of Fire Resource Management Plan was approved by BLM-Alaska's State director on March 21, 2008. The Ring of Fire Resource Management Plan incorporates the provisions of *A Management Plan for Public Use and Resource Management on the Bureau of Land Management Campbell Tract Facility* (BLM June, 1988) as management guidance for the authorization of public use of the Tract.

**C. Identify applicable NEPA documents and other related documents that cover the Proposed Action.**

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**D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria**

- 1. Is the new proposed action a feature of, or essentially similar to, an alternative analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? Is the project within the same analysis area, or if the project location is different, are the geographic and resource conditions sufficiently similar to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)? If there are differences, can you explain why they are not substantial?**

Yes, the proposed action is essentially the same action that has been previously analyzed. The proposed action is located within the same area as previously analyzed.

- 2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the current Proposed Action, given current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values?**

Yes, the range of alternatives analyzed in NEPA documents is appropriate with respect to the current proposed actions.

- 3. Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances (such as, rangeland health standard assessment, recent endangered species listings, updated lists of BLM-sensitive species)? Can you reasonably conclude that new information and new circumstances would not substantially change the analysis of the new proposed action?**

Yes, the existing analysis is still valid.

- 4. Are the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects that would result from implementation of the new proposed action similar (both quantitatively and qualitatively) to those analyzed in the existing NEPA document?**

Yes, the direct and indirect impacts of the current Proposed Action are substantially unchanged from those identified in the existing NEPA document. Yes, the existing NEPA document does analyze site-specific impacts related to the current Proposed Action.

- 5. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequate for the current Proposed Action?**

Yes, the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document is adequate for the current Proposed Action.

**E. Persons/Agencies/BLM staff consulted:**

Name	Title	Resource/Agency Represented
Doug Ballou	Resources Manager	BLM
Jenny Blanchard	Archeologist	BLM
Bruce Seppi	Wildlife Biologist	BLM

**F. Conclusion**

Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the NEPA documentation fully covers the Proposed Action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of NEPA.

*/s/ Douglas Ballou, Acting*

*2/13/2012*

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Anchorage Field Manager

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Date